

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING USER ACCESS OF DISTRIBUTED
RESOURCES**

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ABSTRACT

10 A method and system to manage user access to resources on a network. The preferred embodiments of this system would enable a resource provider to manager user access to resources based on user specific criteria and resource specific criteria. The invention creates user associated access session(s) and generates tokens corresponding to such access session(s) to allow user access. The system is able to manager any type or
15 any combination of licensing criteria, to manager different licensing criteria associated with the same user, to manage different licensing criteria associated with the same resource, and to manage different licensing relationships among users and resources.
The system is scalable as additional sets of license managers can be added to manage additional users and resources. Optionally, secondary access sessions are provided to
20 users to allow for completion of current task on resources when initial access session(s) are depleted.